



- The percent of low birth weight births, in SC, has increased from 8.7% of all live births in 1990 to 9.9% in 1999, representing a 13% increase, then decreased to 9.7 in 2000.
- Black/White Disparities remained fairly consistent, ranging from 2.0 to 2.2, but decreased 4% in past 10 years.
- Low birth weight births increased among Whites from 6.1% in 1990 to 7.2% in 2000, a 18% increase. Low birth weight births among Blacks increased from 12.9% in 1990 to 13.7% in 1995. The overall trend leading to this 4.6% increase has been inconsistent. The trend for low birth weight births among Blacks reveal a consistent increase from 13.2 in 1996 to 14.8 in 1999, then decreased to 14.2 in 2000.
- The Year 2000 goal for percent LBW was not met either for all races, or for white or black race groups.
- “Other” race groups are not included in the graph as they represent only 1.3-1.4% of the population.